

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first and second controller devices are located in geographically remote locations relative to each other.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first and second controller devices communicate over a second data communication network different from the data communication network.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the server communicates with the first controller device over the data communication network.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the second controller communicates with the first client device over the data communication network.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the second controller device communicates with the storage system over a storage area network.

30. (Currently Amended) A method of delivering streaming data content to a client device from two or more controller devices over a data communication network in response to a request for the data content from the client device, wherein the data content includes two or more blocks of data stored on a storage system, the method comprising:
receiving, by a server, a request from a first client device over the data communication network, the request identifying streaming data content stored on a storage system;

transmitting a data request message from the server to a first controller device associated with the storage system, the data request message identifying the first client device and the data content requested by the first client device;
retrieving a first block of the data content from the storage system by the first controller device;
sending a second data request message from the first controller device to a second controller device associated with the storage system, the second data request message identifying the first client device and a second block of the data content;
retrieving the second block of the data content from the storage system by the second controller device;
transferring the first block of data to the first client device from the first controller device;
sending a synchronization message from the first controller device to the second controller device; and
in response to the synchronization message, transferring the second block of data to the first client device from the second controller device over a communication path that does not include the first controller device, wherein the first and second controller devices transfer the first and second data blocks over the data communication network at a faster rate than the rate at which the first and second data blocks are retrieved from the storage system.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the steps of retrieving the data blocks, each include reading the data block from the storage system and applying one of an encryption and a decompression algorithm to the read data block.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the first and second controller devices are communicably coupled over a bus.

33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the first and second controller devices are communicably coupled over a storage area network.

1 34. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the first and second
2 controller devices are communicably coupled to the storage system over a storage area network.

1 35. (Canceled)

1 36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first
2 controller device communicates with the storage system over a storage area network.

1 37. (Canceled)

1 38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the first
2 controller device is located in a network switch device coupled to the data communication
3 network.

1 39.-47. (Canceled)